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From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 11:20 AM

To:

Jerry Whitley

Subject:

RE: Questions

Dear Mr. Whitley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments regarding Docket No. 2009-489-E-Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increases and Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs.

Your Protest has been placed in the Protest File of this Docket. A Protestant is a party objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but can not cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties. A Protestant desiring to become an intervenor in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a Protest does not make you a Party of Record.

In March 2004 the General Assembly enacted legislation which created the Office of Regulatory Staff. As a result of that legislation, effective January of 2005 the Public Service Commission took on an exclusively quasi-judicial role. All resources for the investigation and resolution of consumer inquiries and complaints were assigned to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not conducted the hearings in the pending South Carolina Electric and Gas Company rate case docket. Therefore, a hearing record is not available, to date, for your review. If you would like, you can contact Florence Belser, General Counsel, Office of Regulatory Staff, regarding your inquiries related to the SCE&G rate case. Ms. Belser handles Freedom of Information Act requests received at the Office of Regulatory Staff. Additionally, you may also visit their website at http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov. The Office of Regulatory Staff's physical address is 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, S.C. 29201.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, **Deborah Easterling**